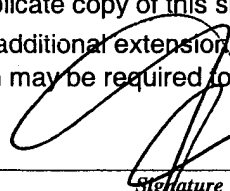
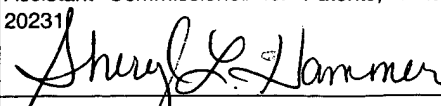


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)		Docket No. DEG-10002/29	
In Re Application Of: Ferguson			
Serial No. 09/852,519	Filing Date May 10, 2001	Examiner S. Sharareh	Group Art Unit 1617
Invention: MORE EASILY VISUALIZED PUNCTUM PLUG CONFIGURATIONS		RECEIVED DEC 05 2002 TECH CENTER 1600/2900	
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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:			
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>Sept. 24, 2002</u> in the above-identified application. <small>Date</small>			
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months from: <u>Oct. 24, 2002</u> until: <u>November 24, 2002 (Sunday)</u> <small>Date</small> <small>Date</small>			
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.			
The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1180 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-1180 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.			
Signature 		Dated: Nov. 25, 2002	
John G. Posa Reg. No. 37,424 Gifford, Krass, Groh et al 280 N. Old Woodward Ave., Suite 400 Birmingham, MI 48009 Tel. 734/913-9300		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>11-25-02</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231</p><p> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</p><p>Sheryl L. Hammer Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</p></div>	

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